The following is a complete listing of the claims. This listing replaces all earlier versions and listings of the claims.

Claims 1 and 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): A character-string information output apparatus according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 5 or 6, wherein said character-string information output means outputs the character-string information supported by the character encoding scheme capable of responding to only a limited language and the character-string information supported by the character encoding scheme capable of responding to a plurality of languages.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A character-string information output apparatus according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~ claim 5 or 6, wherein said character-string information output means automatically selects the character encoding scheme extracted by said extraction means and outputs the character-string information supported by the selected character encoding scheme.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A character-string information output apparatus ~~according to claim 2~~ for outputting character-string information supported by a predetermined character encoding scheme, comprising:

search means for searching, from an external memory, the character-string information having identical contents and supported by a plurality of different character encoding schemes, in a case where it is instructed to output the character-string information,

extraction means for extracting the character encoding scheme interpretable by said character-string information output apparatus from the character encoding schemes supporting the character-string information searched by said search means;

font information search means for searching font information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme; and

character-string information output means for outputting the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding schemes,

wherein said character-string information output means outputs the character-string information based on the searched font information and is arranged so that , ~~wherein~~ if said character-string information output apparatus does not have the font information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme, said character-string information output means outputs the character-string information by using another font information.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A character-string information output apparatus ~~according to claim 2,~~ for outputting character-string information supported by a predetermined character encoding scheme, comprising:

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search means for searching, from an external memory, the character-string information having identical contents and supported by a plurality of different character encoding schemes, in a case where it is instructed to output the character-string information;

extraction means for extracting the character encoding scheme interpretable by said character-string information output apparatus from the character encoding schemes supporting the character-string information searched by said search means;

font information search means for searching font information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme; and

character-string information output means for outputting the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme,

wherein said character-string information output means outputs the character-string information based on the searched front information and is arranged so that wherein if said character-string information output apparatus does not have the font information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme, said character-string information output means does not output the character-string information.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A character-string information output system provided with a character-string information recording apparatus and a character-string information output apparatus, wherein

said character-string information recording apparatus comprises:

analyzing means for analyzing a plurality of different character

encoding schemes supporting character-string information having contents identical with

contents of inputted character-string information; and

recording means for recording the character-string information

supported by the plurality of the analyzed character encoding schemes in an external memory,

and

said character-string information output apparatus comprises:

search means for searching, from the external memory, the

character-string information having identical contents and supported by the plurality of

different character encoding schemes, in a case where it is instructed to output the character-

string information;

extraction means for extracting the character encoding scheme

interpretable by said character-string information output apparatus from the character

encoding schemes supporting the character-string information searched by said search means;

[[and]]

font information search means for searching font information

corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character

encoding scheme; and

character-string information output means for outputting the

character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme,

wherein said character-string information output means outputs the

character-string information based on the searched font information and is arranged so that if

said character-string information output apparatus does not have the font information

corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character

encoding scheme, said character-string information output means outputs the character-string

information by using another font information or does not output the character string

information.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A character-string information output method

comprising the steps of:

analyzing a plurality of different character encoding schemes

supporting character-string information having contents identical with contents of inputted

character-string information;

recording the character-string information supported by the plurality of

the analyzed character encoding schemes in an external memory;

searching, from the external memory, the character-string information

having identical contents and supported by the plurality of different character encoding

schemes, in a case where it is instructed to output the character-string information;

extracting an interpretable character encoding scheme from the

character encoding schemes supporting the character-string information searched in said

search step; [[and]]

searching font information corresponding to the character-string

information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme; and

outputting the character-string information supported by the extracted

character encoding scheme,

wherein said character-string information output step outputs the character-string information based on the searched font information and is arranged so that if said character-string information output method does not have the font information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme, said character-string information output step outputs the character-string information by using another font information or does not output the character-string information.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A storage medium in which a computer-readable program is stored, wherein said program comprises the steps of:

analyzing a plurality of different character encoding schemes supporting character-string information having contents identical with contents of inputted character-string information;

recording the character-string information supported by the plurality of the analyzed character encoding schemes in an external memory;

searching, from the external memory, the character-string information having identical contents and supported by the plurality of different character encoding schemes, in a case where it is instructed to output the character-string information;

extracting an interpretable character encoding scheme from the character encoding schemes supporting the character-string information searched in said search step; [[and]]

searching font information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme; and

outputting the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme,

wherein said character-string information output step outputs the character-string information based on the searched font information and is arranged so that if said program does not have the font information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme, said character-string information output step outputs the character-string information by using another font information or does not output the character-string information.

Claims 10-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (currently amended): A character-string information output method for outputting character-string information being supported by a predetermined character encoding scheme, comprising the steps of:

searching, from an external memory, the character-string information having identical contents and supported by a plurality of different character encoding schemes, in a case where it is instructed to output the character-string information;

extracting an interpretable character encoding scheme from the character encoding schemes supporting the searched character-string information; [[and]]

searching font information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme; and

outputting the character string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme,

wherein said character-string information output step outputs the character-string information based on the searched font information and is arranged so that if said character-string information output method does not have the font information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme, said character-string information output step outputs the character-string information by using another font information.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A storage medium in which a computer-readable program is stored, wherein said program comprises the steps of:

searching, from an external memory, the character-string information having identical contents and supported by a plurality of different character encoding schemes, in a case where it is instructed to output the character-string information;

extracting an interpretable character encoding scheme from the character encoding schemes supporting the searched character-string information; and

searching font information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme; and

outputting the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme,

wherein said character-string information output step outputs the character-string information based on the searched font information and is arranged so that if said program does not have the font information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme, said character-string

information output step outputs the character-string information by using another font information.

Claims 21 and 22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (new): A character-string information output method for outputting character-string information being supported by a predetermined character encoding scheme, comprising the steps of:

searching, from an external memory, the character-string information having identical contents and supported by a plurality of different character encoding schemes, in a case where it is instructed to output the character-string information;

extracting an interpretable character encoding scheme from the character encoding schemes supporting the searched character-string information;

searching front information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme; and

outputting the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding schemes

wherein said character-string information output step outputs the character-string information based on the searched font information and is arranged so that if said character-string information output method does not have the font information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme, said character-string information output step does not output the character-string information.

Claim 24 (new): A storage medium in which a computer-readable program is stored, wherein said program comprises the steps of:

searching, from an external memory, the character-string information having identical contents and supported by a plurality of different character encoding schemes, in a case where it is instructed to output the character-string information;

extracting an interpretable character encoding scheme from the character encoding schemes supporting the searched character-string information;

searching font information correspondent to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme; and

outputting the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme,

wherein said character-string information output step outputs the character-string information based on the searched front information and is arranged so that if said program does not have the font information corresponding to the character-string information supported by the extracted character encoding scheme, said character-string information output step does not output the character-string information.